

***Amendments to the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A governor device comprising:

a first lever interlockingly connected to a rotary speed setting lever;

a second lever pivotally supported by the first lever; [[and]]

a third lever pivotally supported by the second lever, its rotation amount regulated by the second lever and interlocked with a governor ~~weight,~~ weight;

~~characterized in that~~

an elastic member [[is]] provided between the first lever and the second lever so as to bias the levers for decreasing a rotary speed of an engine for a fixed amount at a time of low speed ~~rotation,~~ rotation; and

a set load changing means for the elastic member [[is]] attached to the first lever near the elastic member.

2. (Original) A governor device as set forth in claim 1, wherein

a bracket for the elastic member at the side of the first lever is constructed by an elastic plate,

the elastic plate touches an outer peripheral surface of an adjusting shaft, and

a distance between the outer peripheral surface of the adjusting shaft and an axis is changed by stages.

3. (Original) A governor device as set forth in claim 2, wherein

a rotation limiting member is projected from one of ends of the adjusting shaft,  
and

a projection which can touch the rotation limiting member is provided on a plate supporting the adjusting shaft.

4. (Original) A governor device as set forth in claim 2, wherein an engaging part for an adjusting operation means is formed on one of sides of the adjusting shaft.

5. (Original) A governor device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the elastic member and the adjusting shaft are provided oppositely to a pivotal support part of the first lever and the second lever.

6. (Previously presented) A governor device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the governor weight acts directly on the third lever.

7. (Previously presented) A governor device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the governor device is enclosed in a crankcase comprising an opening that allows adjustment of the set load changing means.

8. (New) A governor device comprising:

a first lever interlockingly connected to a rotary speed setting lever;

a second lever separate from and pivotally supported by the first lever;

a third lever pivotally supported by the second lever, its rotation amount regulated by the second lever and interlocked with a governor weight;

an elastic member provided between the first lever and the second lever so as to bias the levers for decreasing a rotary speed of an engine for a fixed amount at a time of low speed rotation; and

a set load changing means for the elastic member attached to the first lever near the elastic member.

9. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 8, wherein

a bracket for the elastic member at the side of the first lever is constructed by an elastic plate,

the elastic plate touches an outer peripheral surface of an adjusting shaft, and

a distance between the outer peripheral surface of the adjusting shaft and an axis is changed by stages.

10. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 9, wherein

a rotation limiting member is projected from one of ends of the adjusting shaft,  
and

a projection which can touch the rotation limiting member is provided on a plate supporting the adjusting shaft.

11. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 9, wherein an engaging part for an adjusting operation means is formed on one of sides of the adjusting shaft.

12. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the elastic member and the adjusting shaft are provided oppositely to a pivotal support part of the first lever and the second lever.

13. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 8, wherein the governor weight acts directly on the third lever.

14. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 8, wherein the governor device is enclosed in a crankcase comprising an opening that allows adjustment of the set load changing means.

15. (New) A governor device comprising:

a first lever interlockingly connected to a rotary speed setting lever;

a second lever pivotally supported by the first lever;

a third lever pivotally supported by the second lever, its rotation amount regulated by the second lever and interlocked with a governor weight;

an elastic member provided between the first lever and the second lever so as to bias the levers for decreasing a rotary speed of an engine for a fixed amount at a time of low speed rotation;

a bracket for the elastic member at a side of the first lever constructed by an elastic plate; and

a set load changing means for the elastic member attached to the first lever near the elastic member, comprising a rotatable adjusting shaft,

wherein the elastic plate touches an outer peripheral surface of the adjusting shaft and a distance between the outer peripheral surface of the adjusting shaft and an axis is changed by stages.

16. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 15, wherein

a rotation limiting member is projected from one of ends of the adjusting shaft, and

a projection which can touch the rotation limiting member is provided on a plate supporting the adjusting shaft.

17. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 15, wherein an engaging part for an adjusting operation means is formed on one of sides of the adjusting shaft.

18. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 15, wherein the elastic member and the adjusting shaft are provided oppositely to a pivotal support part of the first lever and the second lever.

19. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 15, wherein the governor weight acts directly on the third lever.

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20. (New) A governor device as set forth in claim 15, wherein the governor device is enclosed in a crankcase comprising an opening that allows adjustment of the set load changing means.